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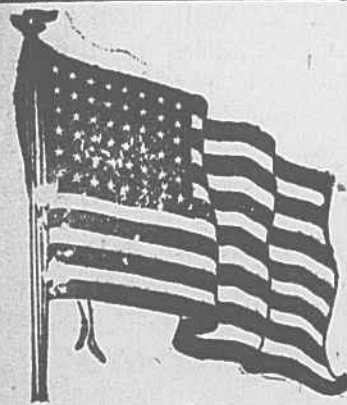
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## MEMORIAL DAY PLANS.

CONSIDERABLE progress was made in the matter of a suitable observance in Fairmont of Memorial Day at the meeting held Friday night in the city building, but all who are active in this should remember that the day is coming on rapidly, and that there is but little time in which to make plans for the celebration. This week something definite ought to be accomplished.

In formulating the program two things should be borne in mind—that everything should be subordinated to the idea which is behind the day, and the necessity for care that too much be not attempted. For years the Grand Army of the Republic has protested that the public is losing sight of the beautiful purpose of Memorial Day, and that sports and other diversions have been permitted to absorb the attention of the public to such an extent that Memorial Day has become a mere holiday.

The present will be a good opportunity to set Fairmont right in this in such a way that for a generation at least there will be no temptation to treat Memorial Day as anything else than an occasion on which we can all renew our gratitude toward the heroes who offered themselves upon the altar of their country.

## THE INDIFFERENT PUBLIC.

IN November of last year the Pittsburgh Produce Trade association taking note of the widespread report that foodstuffs were being destroyed and dumped in order to hold up and increase prices, instructed its Food Supply committee to make an exhaustive investigation and report. The report to the association was made on March 22, but it is now being generally distributed in the form of a circular letter. The most significant feature of the document is not that the dumping charge is disproved, nor the details of the investigation, which apparently was a most exhaustive affair. It is the following paragraph:

In order to secure all possible information from the citizens of Pittsburgh and surrounding territory, our Sub-Committee held sixteen meetings and interviewed large numbers of produce merchants, retail grocers, public officials and individual citizens. Two public meetings were held after abundant announcement had been made through the news columns of the daily papers and paid advertisements. At the first of these public meetings held December 15th, 1916, twenty-one persons appeared, including some merchants from the produce yards, and at the last public meeting, January 13th, 1917, only one person appeared.

When it comes to viewing with alarm; to denouncing the government, local, state and national; to writing complaints to the newspapers and sending committees to the law making bodies; to organizing societies for the promotion of this or that, and the suppression of the other thing, the American people lead the world. But when it comes to doing something practical in the way of self help they are no

where. When but 22 people muster enough interest in the subject of extortionate food prices to attend two meetings that were gotten up for the sole purpose of obtaining first hand knowledge of what the public thinks about the matter, is it any wonder that dealers in food do pretty much as they please in the matter of price fixing?

In ordinary circumstances it would be perfectly natural as well as fair to say that such people should be let alone to fight out the food question in their own way. But we have come to a time when public policy demands that the government take a hand. Before long a price fixing policy will be worked out and it will be put into effect. The public which has been calling upon the authorities to do something is not going to like it any better than it likes the present unrestrained price boosting. In fact when the dear public finds out what it has let itself in for through its unwillingness to manage its own affairs it is going to feel highly outraged. Price fixing and food control policies are going to cut to the quick in many directions. But in the end they will be good medicine, for they are going to drive home the wholesome lesson that in a republic the people in the end get what they deserve in the way of government.

## BUDGET SYSTEM NOT UNDERSTOOD.

IN last week's issue The Times-Record, of Spencer, printed the following somewhat peppery comment on the item in the call for the special session of the Legislature which directs that body to consider a constitutional amendment which would make possible the adoption of a budget system by the State of West Virginia:

The mad determination of people to put their government out of their own and into the hands of bureaucrats is reflected in the proposal of the budget system for controlling the state's finances. Governor Cornwell is sponsor for the budget system and asks the Legislature to submit a constitutional amendment to the end that this scheme may be fastened upon the people. The Times-Record is old-fashioned enough to believe that the Legislature, in preference to doing this, should abolish itself. If all the authority of legislative bodies is to be taken away, why not abolish them? The Legislature doubtless does some very foolish things along the line of making appropriations, but that is merely a part of the price the people pay for a republican government. "Who would not rather bear those ills they have than flee to others they know not of?"

The Times-Record is one of the most ably edited newspapers in the state, and therefore we say it reluctantly, but such an attitude about the budget matter can only mean one thing, and that is that The Times-Record is not familiar with the system of public finance which it has so hastily and sweepingly condemned. A budget system, such as the one devised for the State of Maryland by President Goodnow of Johns Hopkins University, for instance, does not take away from the legislature any part of the authority or even of the responsibility which it had before the adoption of the new form of doing business. It can legislate its head off if it wants to, but it must provide the means by fresh taxation as it goes. Within certain limits it can work its will with the budget schedules.

The outstanding virtue of the budget system is that it applies sound business principles to the administration of government and it makes it possible to fix responsibility for deviation from the right course. State government cannot be as efficient as the conduct of private corporations for the reason that there will always be a large percentage of stupidity and a certain percentage of rascality in it, but it is all nonsense to talk about "the price the people pay for republican government and blandly assume that costly inefficiency is necessarily a part of it, for it is not.

Saturday's report that plans have been perfected to put the submarines out of business was somewhat exaggerated, according to later advice. This removes the possibility that the war will come to an end before the American Congress finally disposes of the army bill.

Reports from every section of the country indicate that more ground has been laid out in gardens this year than ever before. Very good, but now comes the long hard tug of war, the struggle with the weeds. What we shall realize from this extensive planting depends upon how faithful the gardeners are in keeping everlastingly at the job before them.

The French commissioners are being most enthusiastically greeted everywhere in this country, but their reception will not be a circumstance to what will be given the first contingent of American troops to reach the soil of France.

Two New York City clubs, the Lawyers' and the Whitehall, have started a movement against the serving of veal, lamb and suckling pig during the war. If this takes hold, and especially if it is taken up in the management of private homes, it will go a long way toward relieving the animal food shortage in the not very distant future.

One hundred and seventeen West Virginia students are doing special agricultural work throughout the state. And the best thing about this instance of doing one's bit is that the benefits will be of the permanent kind. The University's part in the movement to make the state self supporting has never been fully appreciated, but perhaps the presence of the students on the farms will help to spread the good news.

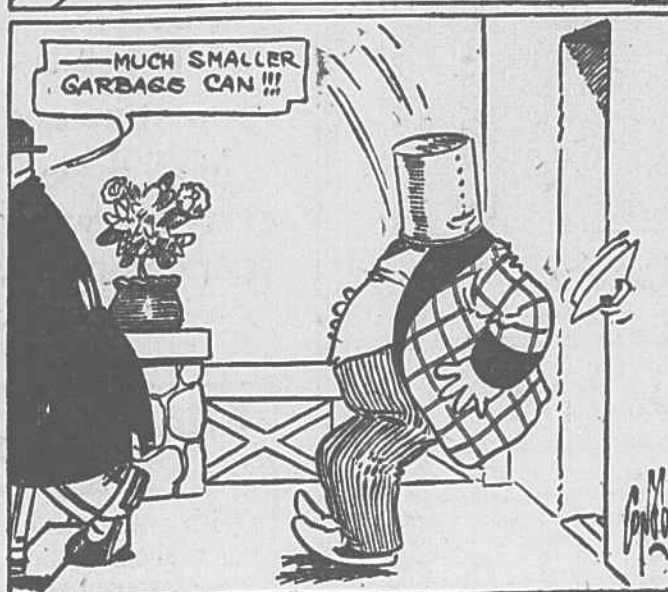
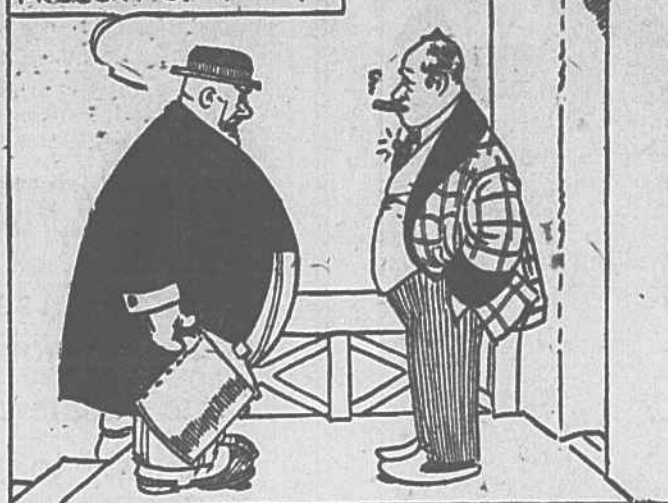
We hear only one side of the story of slaughter on the battlefields of France, but that is enough to make it clear that the carnage is absolutely without precedent. Surely the world is going to be repaid in some form for all this sacrifice.

The Weather bureau says that the cool weather will continue for another week. It delays kitchen gardens somewhat, and will set back the plans for putting out flowers, but it is the best thing that could happen to the winter wheat and every day of it means hundreds of thousands more bushels of the golden grain.

## OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY CONDO.)

IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT YOU CONTINUE TO BE A NOTORIOUS WASTER OF FOOD, EVEN DURING THE WAR, AS A GENTLE REMINDER, I AM MAKING YOU A PRESENT OF A



of violating the Yost law. Who ever heard of Phil having anything to do with whiskey, especially the stuff sold in Fairmont?

Some one at Fairview got away with lots of canned beans and crackers in the robbery there Saturday night.

Who killed Cock Robin?  
"I," said the cat, "with my incessant night howling."

## Editorial Comment on Current Subjects

### LET THE PEOPLE SAY.

From the Charleston Leader.  
If the West Virginia legislature, soon to convene in special session, does not submit to a vote of the people the question of the budget system for West Virginia, it will fall short of its duty.

It is not a question of whether or not the legislature wants the budget system, but a question of whether it will give the people a chance to say whether they want it.

For a long time West Virginia was held in the wet column because the legislature refused to submit the prohibition amendment. Members of both branches violated their pledges to the people and the spirit of their oath of office by declining not to make West Virginia dry but to give the people a chance to express their desire.

The same is true of the question of a state budget plan. If the people don't want the plan, they should be the ones to turn it down. If they do want it, they should be the ones to vote it in. But the legislature, whether it wants the budget system or not, has no right to refuse the people a vote.

Leading men in all political parties declare the budget system makes for greater economy and efficiency. It is believed that a majority of the people will, if given a chance, express a similar view at the polls.

Put the question up to the people.

## FAMOUS GENERAL'S DESCENDANT ENLISTS



Ulysses Simpson Grant IV (above), great-grandson of the famous general and president of the United States (below), has enlisted in Company H, Seventh regiment, New York National guard, leaving his job in the office of J. P. Morgan.

## BITS OF STATE NEWS

Parkersburg is to have a Cadet at Camp Dewey for the summer course of training. The selection will be made by drawing. The applicants will submit their names to Mayor J. Loyal Gilbert within the next ten days, and at the end of that the names of those who meet the requirements will be numbered and the numbers placed in a box, from which a drawing will be made. The first will be that of the lucky boy who will receive the free scholarship. Camp Dewey is maintained under the auspices of the United States Junior Naval Reserves, and its board of directors includes such names as John Purroy Mitchell, Oscar S. Strauss, the late Admiral Dewey, before his death, and several others. The headquarters are at New York, while the camp is maintained at New London. Last year 137 boys attended the camp, and this year 700 will be accommodated. The tuition cost is \$110 for the two months course. Uniform and rations cost are in addition. But the free scholarship offered to Parkersburg includes all these and other expenses.

Chief Janitor Geis, of the capitol, whose duties also include general supervision over the care of the grounds surrounding all the state buildings clustered about the state house proper, is perplexed over the mysterious disappearance of the lawn mowers and similar tools necessary to a summer's work, according to the Charleston Mail. When the grass had grown sufficiently high to stand a mowing this week, he began hunting for the lawn equipment supposed to belong to his department, but his search was in vain. The three or four hand mowers known to have been in use last summer and a full assortment of rakes supposed to have been stored away could nowhere be found. Although his assistants searched the old state house high and low, no trace of them could be found. So a new equipment will have to be purchased.

Sam W. Cain, of the internal revenue office, who has taken up a big lot in the Oak Park section, on which he is spending the spare hours in gardening to assist in relieving the food situation, discovered on the premises a land turtle that is the most peculiarly marked of any that has ever been seen, says the Parkersburg Sentinel. The dark brown shell on the back of the turtle has a row of letters in a deep yellow, those on one side being C. B. E., which are a part of the shell and are the natural markings on the animal. Nothing like it has ever been seen in this locality. Mr. Cain brought it to the office this morning and it is proving to be a real curiosity to all those who have seen it, on account of the very peculiar markings.

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local labor market to the advantage of both employer and employee, arrangements are under way by the Central Trades and Labor Council of Clarksburg, to open what it is to call Labor's Bureau of Free Employment and Information in rooms 25 and 26 of the Irwin building, corner Third and West Pike street, in that town, which have already been rented for the purpose. The object of this bureau is an supply efficient labor for all classes of employment and to inform those out of work of the needs of employers. It is to include unskilled as well as skilled labor whether such labor is affiliated with trades unions or not and the service is to be absolutely free to everybody, both employer and employee. It will embrace building and industrial trades and professional and domestic workers. The bureau will be established, maintained and supported by the Central Trades and Labor Council.

The greatest of mountain fires, both in the Wilderness and Springdale, in the past week have surpassed anything of the like in the history of both places, says last week's issue of the Fayette Tribune. The advantages the Wilderness had over Springdale was the good force of men who at once were on the scene, and succeeded in checking it, while in Springdale, the fire had gained such headway and few to fight it, the result was great damage. L. Lowery was one of the great losers, while Pat Twibig suffered greater loss. Besides timber, fences, cord wood, logs, etc., some buildings were damaged. The fire ran over an area of 3x3 miles, from Youngs siding, Sims and Shauers mountains, to the Lowery, and Relahan lands near Springdale. The hills are thoroughly black and charred.

Mrs. A. W. Straub and Miss Anna Kavanagh, who started to walk from Cumberland, Md., to New Martinsville, this state, finished strong as the following from the Wetzel Democrat, of New Martinsville, indicates: "Tuesday at noon Mrs. A. W. Straub, of Cumberland, Md., and Miss Anna Kavanagh of this city, arrived in New Martinsville from Cumberland. They walked all the way from the last named city, starting the previous Tuesday morning, and traveling over the old Cumberland pike to Wheeling, from which place they walked to New Martinsville on the B. & O. railroad tracks. They were feeling fine upon their arrival here, but stated that twenty miles walking on the railroad was equal to at least forty miles on the pike, the travel on the ties being very difficult. The total distance traveled was just about one hundred and seventy-five miles, the walking of which distance by a woman, in one week's time, is a great accomplishment."

Fire was discovered in the fourth story of the capitol building Friday which had it not been for the quick work of C. L. Topping might have done a great deal of damage, says the Charleston Leader. An employee who had been sent to the fourth floor on an errand returned and reported that the building was on fire. Mr. Topping seized a hand fire extinguisher and rushed to the scene of the fire. When he arrived there the blaze was four feet high and gaining headway rapidly. He tried his hand extinguisher before turning in a fire alarm. The fire was soon extinguished. Some say dust, oil and refuse matter had accumulated around the motor which runs the elevator and had ignited. The motor is boarded up on all sides with pine strips which would have soon caught fire and extended to other parts of the building.

## ODD, ISN'T IT?



A cheap buckle found in hotel and given to maid, proved to be worth thousands of dollars.

A Long Lane.  
"It's an extended corridor that has no ultimate termination," mused the absent-minded professor, as he patiently plodded around the revolving door—tongue Jack O'Lantern.

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And again Sherman wasn't just right with his well-known phrase. Since Turkey has put the kibosh on us it may mean the lid for us on Turkish cigarettes.

Simple kaiser met his fight men Hotfoot back from the war. Said simple kaiser to his fight men, "What are you back here for?" Said the fight men to simple kaiser, "Because we're shy on lunch." Said simple kaiser to his fight men, "What! Go back and fight, the dast you munch!"

And smiling, he bayoneted his imperial chauffeur and spake, "Rush it up, kid, back to der place, supper might be getting chilled."

## WEST VIRGINIA PATENTS

As reported by H. E. Dunlap, patent lawyer, of Wheeling, W. Va., the Patent Office records show the recent issue of the following patents to West Virginia inventors: Charles C. Bowman, Hinton, automatic train stop; Walman D. Corder, Philippi, garment-supporter; Grover B. Hamric, Sleith, automatic sawing machine; Cary B. Twyford, Sistersville, device for cleaning cloth; Wilber D. Hunter, Morgantown, design for goblet.

Mr. Dunlap also reports the issue of the following trademark registration: Barley Foods Co., Morgantown, specially prepared and pearl barley.

## Very Fearless.

One afternoon little Fred's mother sent him to the post office, but the little boy, not wanting to do the errand, loitered along the way. His mother, who was sitting in the yard with her little daughter, seeing that he was not going directly to town, called to him to hurry. The little girl sitting beside her stood up and said emphatically: "Well, mamma, Fred is so fearless."

## Locates Well Trouble.

When a 1400-foot well in a western town was yielding impure water, the superintendent of the water works wondered how he could locate the trouble. Finally he decided to lower a cluster of electric lights into the well, and to follow them by and of a fieldglass. The trouble, located at a depth of 110 feet, where loose packing permitted surface water to enter.

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## RUFF STUFF

BY RED

Where were all the policemen yesterday when several gangs of drunks were parading the streets? At church?

One way to settle the submarine question is to send a million men to France, kill all the Teuts and shoot the Kaiser's feet off.

Another idea for inventors is to have them change the location of the north pole so sub commanders' compasses will steer the under water craft to Hades.

If Willie Shaw gets an ace for sinking airships, there is a two spot to Harry Kendall.

Kill the cat to save the bird to kill.

the bugs to save the seed.

Save the cat to kill the rat that eats the stored up canary bird seed.

Why not kill everybody and everything and save the fruit and vegetables?

Kill the dogs and starve the fleas to death.

Then again while doing all this killing you might try assassinating a pint of M. and M.

It's remarkable the amount of power full willful gentlemen that have gone on the water wagon of their own volition the past few days.

These same guys are trying all sorts of systems to make the dry-town drinks intoxicating by sunning them in the front windows.

No, Pete, that's worse than there's

a beer tree; there's a beer-rum tree.

We'd suggest that some nimble brained inventor get busy and try to protect the sides of ships from subs as the mayor had the water works protected.

The mayor might have been right in his idea at that. He occasionally is.

What can the minors in Taylor county be striking for? Oh! money—how strange. Is it possible that a working man needs money?

He doesn't golf, nor fish for blackfish, nor keep a string of autos so where the dickens does he put all the money?

"If I go to war I'm going in the aviation corps."

Of course Phil Temple was innocent